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PATENT

Docket No.: 16356.722 (DC-01753)

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Mire, Philip J.

SN.: 09/312,150

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For: PUBLIC KEY INFRASTRUCTURE  
UTILIZING MASTER KEY ENCRYPTION  
(AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED)

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Examiner: Moorthy, Aravind K.

Group Art Unit: 2131

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2. Return postcard; and
3. Transmittal letter.

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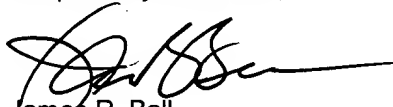
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Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 19, 2005, in the above-identified application.

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1 and 12 are amended, and claims 1, 7-12 and 18-22 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.